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- 1. WE BELIEVE TENG HSIAO-PING DELIBERATELY REVEALED DETAILS OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH SECRETARY BECAUSE CHINESE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT US PRESS CHARACTERIZATION OF CHINESE POSITION ON TAIWAN AS BEING FLEXIBLE AND WISHED TO DENY THIS AUTHORIATIVELY. IN ADDITION CHINESE PROBABLY GENUINELY CONSIDER PARTS OF SECRETARY'S PRESENTATION ON TAIWAN AS STEP BACKWARD FROM PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION.
- 2. TENG SEEMS TO HAVE DECIDED THAT IT IS NOT IN PRC'S INTEREST TO KEEP DISCUSSIONS CONFIDENTIAL. CHINESE MAY BELIEVE THEY WERE USED BY PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION AND THAT SECRECY MERELY HELPED U.S. SIDE. IN BEING SO EXPLICIT WITH AP GROUP CHINESE MAY HOPE TO PRESSURE ADMINISTRATION TO MOVE MORE RAPIDLY TOWARDS NORMALIZATION. THEY ARE ALSO TRYING TO PLACE BLAME SQUARELY ON U.S. SIDE FOR FAILURE TOMAKE PROGRESS. SECRET

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3. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES A DEMARCHE TO HAN HSU IS UNLIKELY TO CHANGE CHINESE ATTITUDES. WOODCOCK

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